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## A FOLLOW-UP LETTER

Since my first letter in the Seminarian, I am pleased to report I met with the Dean. In personal contact one with the other, it was possible to resolve the issues between us.

It was suggested that I write a letter to the Seminarian and explain that it is possible to conduct business in a personal manner on this campus and to get something achieved.

I agree; my problem was solved in this manner. However, I caution the rest of the student body that this does not mean that the problem of the method of interaction with the administration has been solved. It has not! Too often administrative bodies categorize persons under them as insufficient in understanding their own needs, incapable of meeting their needs if understood, and unreliable in any discussion of needs or solutions.

To correct these alleged deficiencies in persons, the administration thwarts, delays, and postpones by techniques of bureaucratic red tape. Thereby, in the use of such techniques, the administrative body tends to dehumanize and belittle those for whom they claim to work.

The personal method does work and adds humanity and worth. However, I regretfully must ask why the administration does not use this amazing technique of personal contact more often.

W. Arthur Grahe

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## A.S.W.

The regularly monthly meeting of A.S.W. will be held on Monday evening, December 8, 1975 at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Carol Tracy, 527 West James Street. The program for the evening will be: "Christmas Readings".

COVERED DISH SUPPER: The covered dish supper for the Winter Festival will be held at 5:30 p.m. on December 12, 1975 in the Hafer Center. Reservations MUST BE MADE and the deadline for reservations is December 8. To make your reservations, please contact Lynn Wetzel - 397-0729; Linda Lalas - 392-2038; or Donna Shay - 397-7251. Please indicate if you will be making a main dish, salad, or desert. The first to make their reservations will get first choice of their selection and the last to make reservations will have to take the remaining selections. REMEMBER- RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dianne Moser

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## HELP NEEDED

The Neighborhood Youth Program needs volunteers - Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. - to work with 3rd through 6th graders in six-week mini-courses in crafts, art, practical skills etc. Do you have a gift you would enjoy sharing with some eager young people? If you are interested in helping out, please contact Paul Thomas immediately.

Paul

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## THE SOUND OF AFFECTION

Not very long ago, one of the truck drivers at Jones Motor Company came back from his day's run, slammed his clipboard down on the table in the driver's room, turned to me and said, "I don't want any of your G.D.S. either." To which I replied, "All I wanted to know is, are you still on the clock?"

"I don't think that's any of your damned business." was his answer.

To those who had never heard us before, this would sound like hostility. The tone of voice, the words, the manner, were all angry. But, it wasn't. What Ray was saying is, "I've had a lousy day, I'm glad it's over, and I'm glad to see you. How the hell are you?"

The point of telling this story is, that there's a way for a person to express himself sometimes, which tells those who care about him that he feels lousy, and that he wants to be left alone, and yet he doesn't come in and bleed all over the floor. He retains his dignity. I'm not recommending we all learn to cuss like truck drivers; it doesn't set well in the mouth of a minister. I'm just tryin' to say I support that blasted Heretic up the street, and if anybody gives him any flack about his opinion on openness, they've got answers comin' from me too. There's a time and a place and a proper person to be talkin' to when one is to be open. Generally it's a private time, the place is private, and the person has earned a reputation for keepin' his mouth shut. But, layin' it out for the world to see destroys a person's dignity, and makes him look like a fool. It's important for us to support the other man's, and woman's dignity as well as helpin' them by listenin'. What my friend the Heretic was sayin' to y'all was that he's carefull about who he tells what and how much to. He's got his dignity to think of. So have I.

Texas Brown Hat

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### SCC TONIGHT

The Seminary Community Council will meet tonight (Thursday) at 9 PM in the Hub. All are invited to attend.

Lee Jessup

## CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Several people have asked me what the Christmas Festival is all about; allow me to explain: The Christmas Festival is now a yearly event. The purpose of the Festival is to help remind us of the joy and fellowship of the Christmas season (feelings which are often forgotten in our community because of the pressure of school and finals.) It is an attempt to welcome the spirit of Christmas into our entire community.

The Christmas Festival will be held on Thursday and Friday, December 11th and 12th. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday and Friday all day-

Christmas Craft Display.

THURSDAY:  
9:30 - Chapel Service  
10-4 - Adult Craft Workshop (parents bring your children) This is for all of the adults in the Seminary community. We'll be making Chrismons (Christ symbols)

7:00 PM - Christmas Caroling - Hot chocolate will be served in the HUB after caroling.

FRIDAY:

9:30 - Chapel Service (Special Chrismon Service)  
10-12 - Children's Craft Workshop  
2-4 - Children's Craft Workshop  
5:30 - Covered Dish Supper (Please contact Lynn Wetzel)  
6:30 - Puppet Show  
7:00 - Children trim Community Tree  
7:15 - Santa Claus arrives

All are urged to join in the festivities See you next Thursday and Friday.

Joyce Rupp

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### MERRY CHRISTMAS (EARLY)

Last night the Seminarian's basketball squad, after a slow start in the intramural season, learned the secret to success to take their first victory of the season! The team kept their poise and controlled the flow of the game, winning by the score of 18-16. The Seminarian team record stand 1-2 overall, with one game left before Christmas and another four later next term.

As a senior at this educational institution, I feel it is my duty to pass on to our underclassmen and underclasswomen something it took me three years to master. You may not have noticed, but there is a secret code language spoken at seminaries. Really! It could be because those who attend such institutions of higher learning have the blood of the apocalyptic prophet rushing through their veins. It could be the blood of the lemming, too. You decide.

There are some very intricate terms in this secret code language. Here are just a few of them, with their corresponding rendition in today's English.

- 1/"Would you say more about that?"  
("I haven't the vaguest notion of what you're talking about.")
- 2/"Do I hear you saying.....?"  
("I could care less what you said, here's the truth of the matter...")
- 3/"I've got some problems with that."  
("You're full of bull.")
- 4/"Thanks--that's helpful."  
("You're still full of bull, but I don't want to press you.")
- 5/"Let me share this with you..."  
("Pay attention, I'm gonna lay this on you.")
- 6/"Of course, e shouldn't generalize, but..."  
("The following is a universal truth:")
- 7/"I buy that."  
("You've finally reached the truth--my position.")
- 8/"I feel as though..."  
("I don't have any reasons and I don't want to defend this...")
- 9/"I think I hear you saying..."  
("I'm not sure about you.")

If you underclassmen will use a judicious mixture of the above statements in your conversation, you will achieve the same degree of evasiveness as those who have gone before. Let this be a sign unto you: speak in circles, lest anyone suspect you think you know what you're talking about.

--Tom Schreck

In keeping up with the bowling news on campus, a lot of things happened. Al Mann, the number one in the standings, dropped to second place, putting Denny Bechard in first by 9.03 of a point.

Denny Bechard took over the new high two-game series with a total of 359 points. The high game so far goes to Doc Englert who rolled a 220 game. However, this past week he was in a bad slump.

Elmer Scofield bowled the score of 101 in two consecutive games (one night). The other week Ellen Sauter was hot in that she rolled a 156 game.

Chris Wetmiller, the unpredictable bowler, bowled her all-time high of 124 this week. Kathy Scofield also bowled her high game of this season, 127.

Finally, a tight race for fourth place is at hand between Dale and Tony. Dale is ahead of Tony only by .041 of a point. Watch for further news about the close races for first and fourth places.

We also want to say to Chris that Dave should buy her a steak dinner for trying this week for a 140 game.

--Dale Serfass

#### COMING: DUBBS MEMORIAL'S XMAS PAGEANT

The Christmas season is here and it is getting near to Dubbs Memorial's Xmas pageant. This year it is entitled "Christmas 1775" and "The Nativity." The dates of performances are as follows:

DECEMBER 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24  
(8:00 PM)

Let me (Dale Serfass) know within the next week if you would like tickets for a given night. The tickets are free unless you wish to be a patron and sit in the reserved section, the tickets will cost \$2.50. I hope some of you will attend. See me, Dale Serfass, for further information, and thanks for your patronage.

--Dale Serfass

#### MAMMA RACH-EL'S CHICKEN SOUP

Everybody all week's bin saying, "So who is Mamma Rach-el?" So I will tell you who is Mamma Rach-el! Me! I, Mamma Rach-el, was born in the old country, and on the day of

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## LETTERS TO LUCY

Dear Lucy,

Winter has finally arrived and I can't stand it! It is cold and my face is red and I can't play baseball anymore. It is awful when weather controls so much of your life. Burr-r-r-r I'm cold, Lucy. What am I to do?

Your Friend

Charlie Brown

Dear Charlie Brown,

Cuddle up in a warm blanket (borrow Linus') with a cup of hot chocolate, and your type-writer and books and ENJOY!!

Your Friend

Lucy

Dear Lucy,

It is the time of the year when our hearts and minds turn to trees and twinkling lights, gifts and singing in the air. But the singing has become very light and soft this year--I need an idea from you, Lucy.

Silent Schroeder

Dear Silent Schroeder,

Let's remind everyone that the Seminary Choir meets WEDNESDAY from 3-4 and EVERYONE is needed.

Lucy

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## COMMUNION

This Tuesday on December 9th at 9:00 PM, the Seminary Community will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. The Rev. Anthony Szilagyi will be celebrant and Doug Turner will be liturgist for the service. Please Attend.

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Spiritual Life Committee will meet on December 8-MONDAY at 10 AM in the Chapel.....MONDAY, DEC. \*8, Professor Duke will preach in Chapel for the Chapel service. Dana Schlegel will serve as liturgist.....The annual Seminary Christmas Service will be December 16th - at 8PM in the Chapel.

The choir will be singing in the service.....The Bookstore will be having

## ITEMS OF INTEREST CONT.

A BOOKSALE. 10% off on cash sales other than denominational material..... A "BASH" will be held Friday night, December 5th at 7:30 PM in the HUB. Seminararians, Spouses, and faculty are welcomed.... All persons interested in forming a "church congregation" here at ITS should meet in front of Allen Kroehler's office at 4:00PM on Wednesday, December 10. For more information see Campus Life Committee - Dan Hamlin.....

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## CHICKEN SOUP CONT.

my birth a miracle happened so that I was destined for great things-I was born with a birthmark. Not just any birthmark, but a perfect "Mogan David" right in the middle of my chest. (its still there but now you have to look harder to find it.)

My mama, may she rest in peace, had 27 other children, so that when our blessed Rabbi Schickenfinger asked my papa that I should come and live with him and his wife to do the housework, my papa was so happy.

So off I went with Papa and Mama Schickenfinger, not just to the other side of town, but across the ocean in a big boat to a place called Brooklyn somewhere. Of course we were happy in our new synagogue and Papa and Mama Schickenfinger all together- Oi, but you should have seen the place. Buildings buildings, and more buildings.

One day when I was outside I saw a horse and wagon with a box on the back and on the box was the same sign that was on my chest! So, I says to myself "Rach-el! This must be your box!" So I climbed in.

Next thing I know. I am waking up and get out of the box. where am I? So who knows? Not in front of Mama Schickenfinger's house, and where is the horse and wagon? So I sit down and cry; typical Suddenly I smell something familiar- halvah! I follow my nose to a store and walk in. There stood a lady and I asked "Can I have some?" Well, she gave me some halvah and took me home! I was never so glad to be home. So next time you get lost just find the nearest halvah and you'll be just fine. (Recipe will be in the next issue of the Seminarian)

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SEMINARY COMMUNICATOR - 151:11

December 4, 1975

\* Open to Seminary Community

\*\* Open to General Public

Numbers in parentheses refer to announcements which follow.

CALENDAR

Monday, December 8

* 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.	- Service of Worship	Chapel
7:30 p.m.	- ASW	(1)

Tuesday, December 9

8:15 a.m.	- Campus Life Committee Meeting	Old Hafer Center (2)
* 9:30 - 9:50 a.m.	- Morning Prayers	Chapel
10:00 - 12:00 noon	- Educational Cabinet Meeting	Dean's Office
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	- PTP - Collegium/Seminar	
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	- Continuing Education Committee	Brown's Office
* 9:00 p.m.	- Bowling	

Wednesday, December 10

* 9:30 - 9:50 a.m.	- Morning Prayers	Chapel
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	- Faculty Colloquy on Spirituality and Psychology, Father Walsh	Lounge H-101
* 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	- Seminary Choir Rehearsal	Chapel

Thursday, December 11

* 9:30 - 9:50 a.m.	- Morning Prayers	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	- Executive Cabinet Meeting	Lounge
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	- Planning Task Force	L214
	- FAMILY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL	(3)

Friday, December 12

* 9:30 - 9:50 a.m.	- Morning Prayers	Chapel
10:00 - 12:00 noon	- Planning Session with Pastors & Seminarians for January Course CA-127	L 204 (4)
	- FAMILY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL	(3)
9:00 a.m. - 12 noon	- D. Min. Committee Meeting	Dean's Office
9:00 p.m.	- Basketball	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communicator 151:11

### From the President's Office

I want to report two developments in the President's Office that are important to me.

First of all, the Board of Trustees has approved the appointment of Mrs. Edna Hafer as assistant to the president. In this capacity, Mrs. Hafer continues as my full-time primary associate for the administration and operation of the President's Office. With the addition of some part-time secretarial help, she will be free to give more of her attention to the review and development of policy and to the activities of the Board of Trustees. Her long experience in this office and her wide acquaintance with the constituency of the Seminary equips her for these new responsibilities.

And I am delighted to announce that the Reverend Beatrice Weaver McConnell (LTS 1948) has agreed to serve as Special Assistant to the President for Planning. Mrs. McConnell will serve as coordinator of the Planning Task Force and work closely with me to design and develop a total planning process for the Seminary. Soon she will be located in Room L203, just across the hall from the President's Office, where the headquarters for the Task Force will be established. That space will become "planning room." Beatrice is serving as a part-time member of our professional staff, and volunteering her services. Therefore, we are even more grateful for her willingness to serve at this time. She will coordinate the total planning process as we develop it, so any concerns, questions, comments, and suggestions about planning should go directly to her. Mail and messages for her should be directed to the President's Office.

James Glasse

Dr. Glasse is on retreat at Wernersville through December 11. In his absence Dr. Bricker serving as Chairperson of the Executive Cabinet will act for him. Please refer any matters for Dr. Glasse to me.

Edna Hafer  
Assistant to the President

The Budget Council will hold its first meeting on Monday, December 15th. Representatives of the Faculty, SCC, Trustees, and Administration serve on this committee. Their primary task is to prepare a tentative operating budget for 1976-77. Suggestions and recommendations can reach the Council through any of its members. They are:

L. Bruce Althouse, Chairperson  
Douglas Whiting, George Bricker  
Lyman Farrar, James Glasse  
Seminarians (to be appointed by SCC Thursday, Dec. 4)  
Myron Wolf, Secretary

James Glasse

### Office of the Business Manager (Introducing Charles (Charlie) Scheetz)

We are happy to welcome Charlie Scheetz as a new member of the Seminary Staff. He will be in charge of custodial and maintenance services in the areas formerly covered by John Balazs. He is gradually learning his way around and becoming acquainted. He has been introduced to many, but we know there are many to whom he has not been introduced. If you have not met Charlie, please introduce yourself when you see him.

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Mr. Scheetz is a native of Lancaster. He and his family live on New Holland Avenue. He has had experience in the military, at Hamilton Watch Company and in custodial and maintenance positions in Lancaster. He has already demonstrated a high degree of ability in his field and a desire to be of service.

Charlie may be contacted through the Business Office when needed.

Myron Wolf

NT 110-2 Elementary Greek I -- Jack Seville, Professor

For December 11 - continue with next lesson. Quiz assigned for this Thursday, December 4, will be given next Thursday, December 11.

Because of weather and travel conditions between Harrisburg and Lancaster, Mr. Seville was unable to arrive on time for today's class (December 4).

Edna Hafer

ASW

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Dianne Moser

Campus Life Committee Will Meet

(2) On Tuesday morning, December 9, at 8:15 a.m., the Campus Life Committee will meet in the Old Hafer Center (under the Hub). Contact members of the Committee or Chairperson Kroehler about your concerns or meet with us.

Allen Kroehler  
Chairperson  
Campus Life Committee

FAMILY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

(3) Family Christmas Festival, Thursday, December 11th, Friday, December 12th. Thursday and Friday - all day - ASW Christmas Craft display.

Thursday, December 11th

9:30	A.M.	Chapel Service
10:00 - 4:00		Adult craft workshop. We're making Chrismons for your tree and for the trees in the Chapel (bring the kids along)
7:00	P.M.	Christmas Caroling - Hot Chocolate in the Hub when we're done and done in!

Friday, December 12th

9:30	A.M.	Chapel Service (special Chrismon service)
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2:00 - 4:00		
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Joyce Pupp

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Dianne Moser

### CA 127 - PASTORAL LEADERSHIP IN THE PARISH

(4) All seminarians who have registered for my January course (CA 127- Pastoral Leadership in the Parish) are invited to participate in a planning session with the pastor -preceptors on Friday, the 12th, 10 to 12 A.M. in study room L105 on the main floor of the library.

James Glasse

### Book Store Sale

Until December 19th, 1975 there will be 10% discount on books. Cash sales only.

Nancy Norris

### Living With Our Neighbors

The Campus Life Committee recently discussed noise pollution as experienced by some residents of campus housing near the college fraternity at College and Frederick.

In the future when you are disturbed by college produced noise, etc., Dean Smeaton, responsible for fraternities and housing at F & M suggests you try these approaches:

Please call the campus security office, 393-1421, when you need immediate response.

Please call Dean Smeaton, 393-3621, to report disturbing experiences related to college students. He said he appreciates knowing such information and will talk with the college students involved.

Allen Kroehler, Chairperson  
Campus Life Committee

### Lost:

An envelope-type blue-black brief case with white metal clasp. It was lost on the first floor of the Academic Building. Please return to Mary Alice Butkofsky.

### JOBS

If anyone is interested in short term full-time or part-time jobs, please contact Joyce Rupp.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Spiritual Retreat

During January, Lancaster students have the opportunity of making a personally guided retreat under Father Walsh's direction at the Jesuit Center at Wernersville. Retreats can range anywhere from three days to eight days. If interested, contact Father Walsh for details. Use this form to indicate the dates when you are interested in making a retreat and put the form in Father Walsh's mailbox by Tuesday, December 16.

I'm interested in making a spiritual retreat at Wernersville from  
January \_\_\_\_\_ to January \_\_\_\_\_.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_